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Memorandum

To: Area Director

From: Superintendent

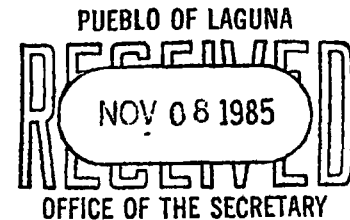
Subject: USGS Study - Village of Pagate

Mr. Eugene C. Tidball, General Attorney for the Atlantic Richfield Company, wrote this office on October 17, 1985, regarding activities being conducted by Mr. Ken King of the USGS in his survey and study of the effects of the mining operations upon the structures in the village of Pagate. A copy of Mr. Tidball's letter was sent directly to your office.

Due to the nature of Mr. Tidball's concerns, inferences, and allegations, I do not feel that it is appropriate for me to respond directly. I wish to defer to you the determination as to whether a response is warranted.

For your information, events surrounding this matter occurred as follows:

1. May 1985. By telephone call, Mr. Dick Bornemann of the Bureau's Office of Energy and Minerals informed the Agency Superintendent that the BIA and USGS had formalized an agreement for the study of the effects of mining operations upon the structures in the village of Pagate. Further, that Mr. Ken King and his field crew would soon be in the Pagate area to commence their study. The Pueblo was informed of this matter by letter to the Governor dated May 28, 1985, and its assistance sought in obtaining necessary permission from the Anaconda Company for Mr. King and his crew to enter the mine area. The same information was requested from them for Mr. King to conduct his work. Permission was granted by the parties concerned.
2. Week of June 24, 1985. Ken King and his crew were on site. Activities included test blasting, recording of test, survey of homes, and meeting with village residents.
3. October 4, 1985. Received a letter from Kenneth King advising that he would be returning to Pagate on or about



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